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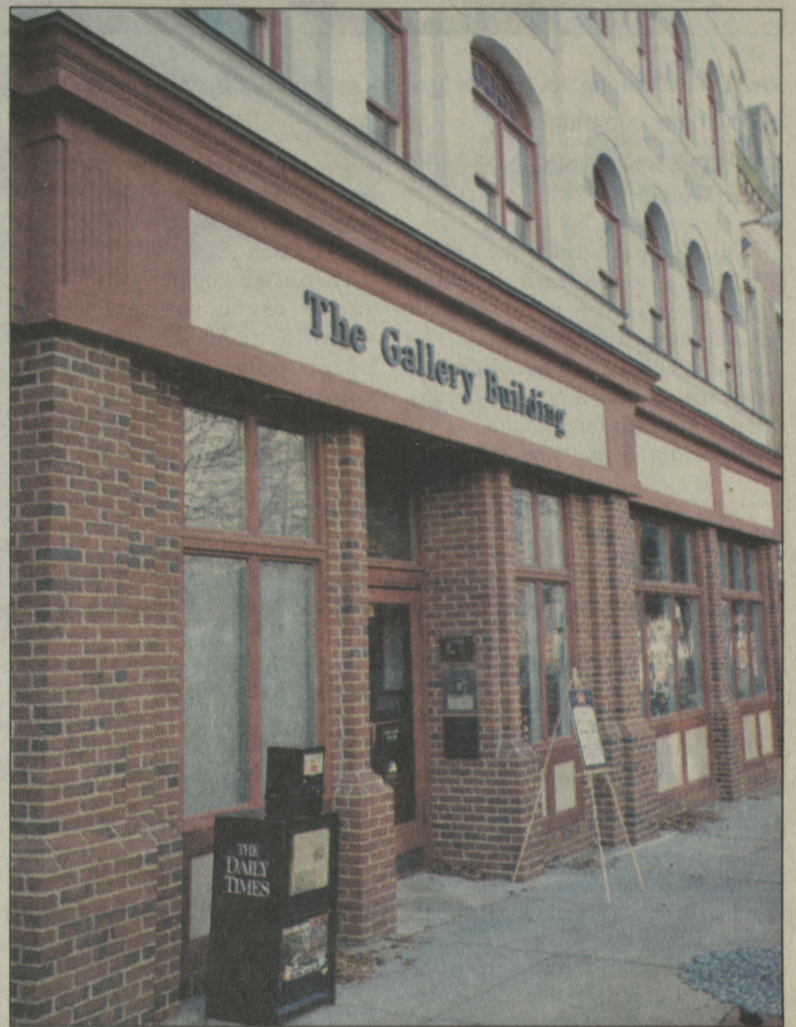
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Main Street Merchants: Challenged to hold onto artistic legacy



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Flourishing businesses set up shop along Main Street over 50 years ago with cars lining the sidewalk for everyday commerce.



Katelyn Draper photo

The Art Institute and Gallery adds a splash of color on Main Street.

BY KATELYN DRAPER
Staff Writer

The buzz of cars on Route 50 dulls, replaced only by the sound of dried leaves scattering down the sidewalk and the light footsteps of a mailman in front of Eric Ludwig's Downtown Barber Shop.

Inside the hit show "Everybody Loves Raymond" playing in the background and Hot Wheels racecars under a Christmas tree for his younger clients, Ludwig enjoys the variety of people that come into the shop.

"Every downtown needs a barbershop," he said.

Today's businesses are still holding onto the artistic DNA found in the legacy of Downtown Salisbury's small town relationships.

Ludwig said metered parking has been a hassle for his clients, so he saves quarters in his shop to lend out.

"My clients are more than just a number or a dollar sign here," Ludwig said. "If I see them at a restaurant, I'll send a couple beers over to their table."

Ludwig's barbershop is located where the Watson Smokehouse once stood, which was run by Howard Riggins in the 1960s. Riggins was known to sell 5-cent cigars, have the latest 45 record playing and let kids come in to read magazines even though they couldn't afford to buy them.

The sense of community found in Ludwig's barbershop existed about 50 years ago right where he stands today.

Ludwig has lived in Salisbury since he was 12 years old and is in love with the downtown atmosphere. After leaving a previous employer, Ludwig decided it was time to open his own business.

But with the lack of funding and importance placed on art and the difficulty to make

themselves known to the community, chances of survival are slowly dwindling. In

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- Eric Ludwig

fact, the attempts of Urban Salisbury, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the revitalization of downtown, were shot down when it lost funding. Businesses must devise a survival plan.

"It's simple," Ludwig said. "Give them

reasons to want to shop down here."

Ludwig said the friendships he has with his clients can't be found in the businesses up north and that's why he chose to place his shop on the plaza.

"We need a vibrant downtown to draw people in," said Andrea Hamilton, executive director of the Art Institute and Gallery. "The only draw we have is the Internal Revenue Service next door."

A sign reading "Stop in, we're OPEN!" planted in a pot of purple and yellow pansies in front of the red-bricked gallery window.

For the AIG, a nonprofit arts organization founded in 1953, the fight for recognition and survival continues as it battles the downstream current of downtown. Hamilton said she fears that without an existing place for emerging artists to develop, local art may

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The truth behind The Princeton Review

BY COREY NETHEN
Staff Writer

When the news surfaced that Salisbury University had been ranked second on a list of "The 10 Schools that Study the Least," it hit faculty and students hard.

The list was conducted by the admissions consulting company The Princeton Review, and the data was then reposted through an online article written by The Huffington Post.

The site gave no explanation to how the data was collected and simply offered viewers a slideshow of these schools' campuses.

To even be considered among these rankings, first a university must make it into The Princeton Review's book of the "Best 376 Colleges."

"The schools in this book are those The Princeton Review considers the academically best undergrad institutions in the country," said Princeton Review Public Relations correspondent Jeanne Krier. "Only 15 percent of the nation's four-year colleges are in it."

The news attracted attention when The Huffington Post published the information online.

"It's just a shock PR issue," said Doug DeWitt, education specialties faculty member at SU.

Within these 376 schools, 122,000 attending students filled out surveys, and their results made

HOW DOES SU RANK ACCORDING TO PRINCETON REVIEW?

#2 on "Students Study the Least"

#3 on "Election?
What Election?"

#18 on "This
is a Library?"



Artwork by Adora Bowman

up a top 20 list of 62 different categories, ranging anywhere from the amount of liquor students drink to their perceptions of the faculty.

For the studying category, students were asked how many hours they spent studying outside of the classroom. Studying is not explicitly defined in the survey.

"Does this solely mean studying in the library to some students?" asked Economics and Finance Professor Kashi Khazeh.

SU also made it into two other categories: No. 3 in "Election, What Election?" based on how

politically active students reported to be and No. 18 in "This is a Library?"

The school's reputation was not completely demolished as SU's profile in the book noted its overall green rating, computer lab facilities and quality of food.

Some take the bad news with a grain of salt while others grab the whole shaker.

"Two of my classes were originally cancelled on the last day of class before Thanksgiving break," said senior Megan Campbell. "When my teachers heard the news about how much we study,

they changed their minds and scheduled class for that day."

The Princeton Review gives the student voice, and if the student body disagrees with their posted results, something can be done. Students can access the survey once each school year and voice their opinions.

Salisbury's profile in the "Best 376 Colleges" features an array of positive feedback from students, but the negative drawbacks received the publicity.

To take the survey, visit: <http://survey.review.com/>

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'Extreme Makeover' Jusst Sooup ranch faces legal hurdle



Photo courtesy of Jusst Sooup

Rev. Dale Dunning, founder of Jusst Sooup Ministry in Rehoboth Beach, Del., prepares to serve soup to the needy in her community.

BY STEVEN CENNAME
Staff Writer

Due to legal hurdles, the Lewes, Del., soup kitchen ranch that thousands of volunteers from Maryland and Delaware helped build for "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" may not open to the homeless any time in the near future.

Instead of being a soup kitchen

where the less fortunate come for soup, it may act more like a factory to cook soup and deliver it to other soup kitchens.

The Sussex County Board of Adjustment recently voted unanimously against Rev. Dale Dunning's soup kitchen proposal, forbidding her from serving food at her Jusst Sooup Ranch due to neighbors expressing concern and fear about possible en-

campment of homeless people in the rural community of Cool Spring. Some residents said that an increase of homeless people in the community scares them because they would feel less safe if homeless people, some of whom could be potentially dangerous, are more abundant in the area. As a result, Dunning cannot serve uninvited guests at her new property in Lewes.

Dunning, known as the "Soup Lady," had a commercial-style kitchen built by thousands of volunteers in August with the intent of serving food to Sussex County's homeless. The kitchen was featured on the Nov. 18 episode of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

The building of the house was organized by the company Schell Brothers, who led the charity project and donated the land to Dunning. Schell Brothers CEO Chris Schell said he was very annoyed by the ruling.

"This issue has been blown completely out of proportion," Schell said. "I do not understand why it has to be so controversial. You have an amazing woman trying to make the community a better place, and these zoning laws are stopping her."

However, Sussex County board member John Mills criticized Schell Brothers, saying that the company acted "extremely irresponsibly."

Mills claimed that opening a soup kitchen in a residential area violated a Sussex County zoning ordinance. The soup kitchen is legally considered to be a restaurant, which conflicts with the soup kitchen's purpose and the "home occupation" section of the Sussex County code, leaving the board members with no choice but to vote against the code, even though many of the members said they really admire what Dunning and her family have done with the Jusst Sooup mission.

Without the permit, Dunning can-

not serve the county's homeless without specifically inviting them to her home first, as her application for the permit to serve uninvited guests was rejected. However, Schell says that Dunning will still be allowed to do 90 percent of what she wants to do without the permit. Even without a permit, Dunning can still use the facility to cook food and deliver it and serve it at her kitchens around the county.

Despite disappointment with the ruling, Dunning remains optimistic. "The ruling was disappointing in a way, but I thought, 'You know what? It's another step. Just step up and keep on stepping and keep on going,'" Dunning said.

Dunning still has the two options: she can apply for either a rezoning or a conditional use permit. However, Dunning said that she has yet to make a decision on her next step.

"If the people of the community come into my soup kitchen and meet my little soupers, they would have a whole different idea of what the soup kitchen is all about," Dunning said. "They would have nothing to worry about if they come in and see that my soupers are angels."

Dunning is also optimistic that she can still get closer to her goal of opening new soup kitchens all over Delaware. She said that the ranch will still act as Jusst Sooup Ministry's central location, and she can use the resources of the ranch to deliver soup even beyond Sussex County.

Atheist Society and CRU members clash over chalk

BY JAMES TOWNSEND
Staff Writer

Until recently, chalking Bible verses around campus has typically been a non-issue; however, it became one on Friday when a group of atheist students chose to do the same.

After spotting a controversial verse written on the sidewalks by members of Salisbury University's Campus Crusade for Christ, members of the Atheist Society planned a counter-strike, using the Bible itself as ammunition. The students chalked out their own selected verses, exhibiting the more controversial aspects of the Bible.

The Atheist Society claimed that the verse, Psalm 53:1, written by CRU members, which states: "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, and their ways are vile; there is no one who does good," was a direct attack on their beliefs.

"It's just offensive," said John Tully, a member of the Atheist Society and frequent contributor to The Flyer. "People think just because it's the Bible it gets a free pass. It shouldn't. People shouldn't be tolerant of that kind of hateful behavior."

He said the verse wasn't of particular offense to him but rather worries new atheists who aren't as open with their beliefs yet may feel targeted.

"It's just hurtful to their self-image as an atheist," Tully said. "They should feel accepted on the campus, but instead there is this hate speech chalked everywhere."

Junior Chris Sufczynski is in charge of the CRU Chalking Ministry. Although the group is made up of CRU members, he stresses that it is not an officially endorsed branch of the organization.

"I'm not here to attack (atheists)," Sufczynski said. "I'm not attacking anyone in any way. I just want to put out the truth of the scriptures. I didn't do it in retaliation to their views; I did it because I love Jesus."

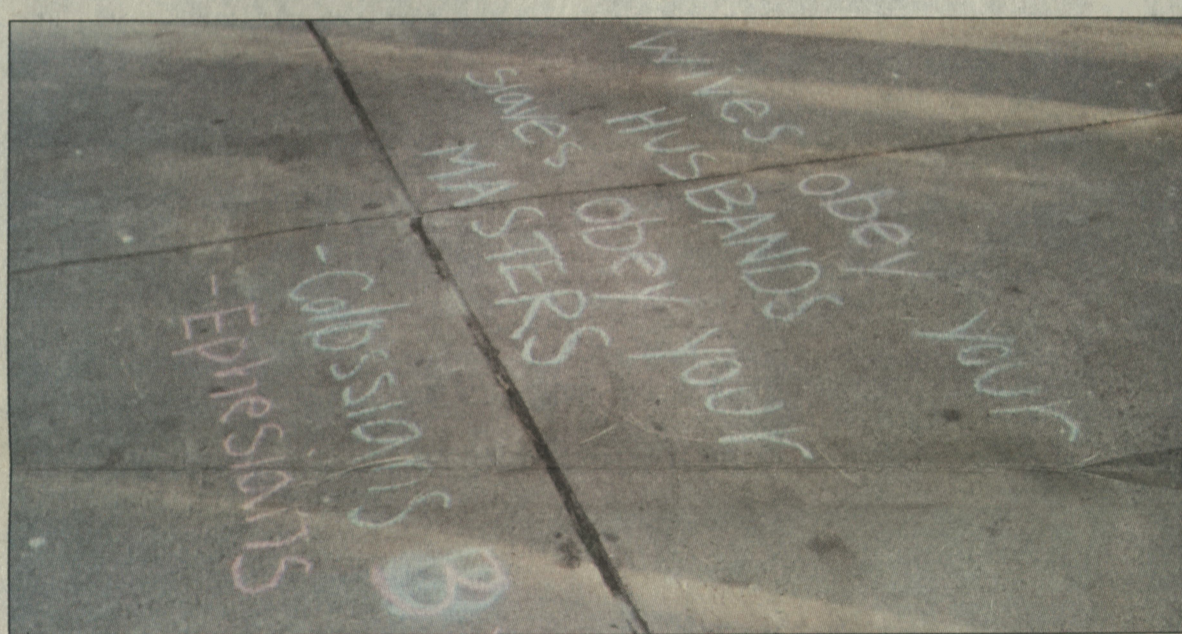
Tyler Suplee, vice president of CRU and an emcee at their weekly Thursday fellowship, defends the chosen verse.

"It's tough to hear, but it's biblical," Suplee said. "According to what we believe, the main message is that everyone lives for eternity; it's just a matter of where you're going to spend it. They might not want to hear it, but it's the truth."

The Atheist Society responded by chalking verses such as Deuteronomy 22:28, which says that if a woman is raped, she must marry her rapist, as well as verses supporting slavery and the killing of homosexuals and disobedient children. While chalking, the group was approached by several students, one of whom told them they were going to hell. It wasn't long after before they were reported and University Police arrived on the scene.

After seizing their IDs, the students were called into the office of the Dean of Students, Edwin Cowell.

"He told us we hadn't broken any rules and that we were free to continue chalking tomorrow," said Matt



Morgan Wait photo

A paraphrased Bible verse is chalked on the sidewalk outside of the Guerrieri University Center. These chalkings have stirred some controversy as some call the verses offensive.

Boyd, a member of the Atheist Society who helped with the campaign. "But he still ordered horticulture to remove the verses."

Horticulture later washed away verses from CRU as well, though both groups may resume writing chalk messages around campus.

Suplee said CRU members chalk verses around campus to help promote CRU and inspire people to learn more about what the Bible has to say.

"We're not trying to trick anyone," Suplee said. "We don't want to give people one side of the message."

People should know the truth. If you don't fully understand it you should investigate it yourself or come to CRU to ask questions."

Sufczynski said that while the Atheist Society has the right to write what they want, they are misrepresenting the Bible's teachings.

"I feel they're just misquoting and paraphrasing the Bible," Sufczynski said. "They're taking bits and parts without any context and turning it into their own meaning."

Boyd said he feels similarly, claiming that Christians often pick and choose the lighter aspects of the

Bible, while choosing to ignore the bad.

"We saw people trying to stomped out the chalk from the pavement," Boyd said. "And that's the reaction people should be having. They should be embarrassed. They should be offended. I was offended with what I was writing. The Bible is not full of good things."

The Atheist Society resumed chalking Saturday afternoon, and the Chalking Ministry expects to do the same later this week.

Downtown

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soon fade.

"We want to educate children because we are approaching a world where art education is absent," Hamilton said.

Hamilton and the staff at AIG are determined to inspire youth and to "create in children the passion of artists."

With Third Friday, a public event located on the plaza, the creativity of the community comes out of hiding and finds its place in an atmosphere of authenticity. Artists and musical performers, such as Squawakapella, line the plaza with booths to sell their pieces of art and show their talent.

After a year and a half of success, there is hope around the corner for the coming generations to experience art.

"As a mother of an artist, there is nothing like seeing the little hands of a child gently working the clay," Hamilton said. "They're fearless."

The AIG is going beyond their limitations and mimicking childlike courage with their 3-D sculpture room.

Hamilton said the AIG staff has unified as a community of artists, and that's precisely why Ludwig opened his barbershop on the plaza.

But just a few blocks over stands a bakery independent of downtown's busyness: Cake Art.

"We're a destination location," said owner Susan Patt.

In early 2010, Patt decided to open her bakery downtown because the space was previously a restaurant so reconstruction was not necessary.

With Amber Nicole Bridal and The Perfect Dress around the corner, Patt teams up with the two shops to encourage their customers to visit each other's shops. Patt says the bakery gets its own advertising from wedding venues such as The Fountains and Heritage shores, word of

mouth and the modern reach of Facebook.

Years ago, a silent film or show was the treat on a Friday night, and now the community is heading to the plaza once again for the excitement of Third Friday.

In fact, the owners of Ulman's Opera House and the Arcade Theater were just as passionate about music and art as the AIG.

The Arcade Theater, built in 1915, hosted silent films, musical performances, vaudeville, gospel services, fashion shows and radio broadcasts. Ruth Kennerly, the great-great-grandmother of Julie Messick, president of the Salisbury University History Club, starred in a dance recital, "The Lion and the Mouse" at the theatre. WMDT 47 News stands in the theatre's place today.

The Ulman's Opera House presented black and white silent films that were usually cowboys and Indians-themed, accompanied by piano music as well as hosted graduations, plays and dedication ceremonies. Moviegoers could go next door to Cinno's Confectionary for a bag of roasted peanuts before enjoying the show. The opera house moved to "100 percent all-talking" films in the 1930s, such as "The Return of Sherlock Holmes."

After the opera house burned in 1963, it was not rebuilt and stands a vacant space between the buildings on the plaza today.

The past is inevitably intertwined with the present dreams of downtown. In order to pave a way for a beautiful, bustling main street and understand the heart of these current merchants, owners like Ludwig look back at what downtown was like in its prime.

Nonetheless, businesses are still finding shelter in a historically artistic and community-driven downtown. With the decay of downtown closing in, these merchants have found a rare sense of community and a boldness to let art, whether it is icing a cupcake, positioning a sculpture or trimming a man's hair, speak for itself.

Briefly Stated

TUESDAY

Salisbury Pops Concert

The Salisbury Pops performs during SU's "Fa La La La Fusion: A Winter Festival of Contemporary and Traditional Music" series 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 6, in Holloway Hall Auditorium. Directed by Lee Knier, the band celebrates Christmas around the world with international works including "Sussex Mummer's Carol" and "Christmas in Poland." Dr. Brian Horikami of SU's Communication Arts Department lends his vocals to "Mele Kalikimaka." The concert includes visits by Santa Claus and Sammy the Sea Gull, as well as an indoor "snow" flurry. Donations will be accepted for the Salvation Army's Kettle Drive. Sponsored by the Department of Music, admission is free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-543-6385.

WEDNESDAY

Biodiversity Lecture

Doug Tallamy, who has devoted over 30 years to studying insect-plant interactions, is concerned about the loss of biodiversity in suburban landscapes. He discusses how these interactions determine the diversity of animal communities at 7 p.m. on Dec. 7, in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. He also offers advice on how those in attendance may help regain lost biodiversity. As chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology, and director of the Center for Managed Ecosystems at the University of Delaware, Tallamy is the author of Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens, as well as more than 70 scholarly research articles. He works to counter the dramatic drop in biodiversity from Americans' large-scale removal of native plants and the loss of creatures that depend on them. His talk is sponsored by the Housing and Residence Life Office, Green Living Learning Community, Fulton School of Liberal Arts, and Henson School of Science and Technology. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Lynching case exposes Salisbury's secret past

BY JULIE MESSICK
Special to The Flyer

Eighty years ago, the rope used to lynch a black lumber worker was cut up into pieces tucked away by some of the 2,000 spectators, and his story remains as part of the hidden history of Salisbury.

Matthew Williams was accused of murdering his employer, Daniel Elliott. A mob of around 200 men gathered while six men entered the hospital to get Williams, where he was recovering from injuries obtained from being chased by his employer's son.

Upon finding Williams, they dropped him from the first floor window and dragged him to the lawn of the courthouse. They hanged him on a tree on the courthouse lawn and raised his body up and down several times. The mob then set his body on fire at the edge of the black section of town.

"The Matthew Williams lynching rocked the community, and some say those reverberations have continued throughout these 80 years," said local historian Linda Dwyer, who organized a remembrance event for a victim of a different lynching that occurred in Princess Anne in 1933. "Salisbury residents quickly swept that incident under the rug... in the months that followed, the town had to organize to celebrate its bicentennial (1932), with parades and activities of all sorts."

The day after the lynching there was barely any mention of it in the local papers, including The Holly Leaf, which was the student newspaper of the State Normal School, now Salisbury University.

"(It's) shocking to be in a place where this event happened," said Lauren Attek, the president of the Salisbury University chapter of the NAACP. "You would hear about this happening more in the deep south, not in Salisbury."

The Baltimore Sun raged against the lynching and the people who did not prevent it. The residents of the Eastern Shore reacted to the con-



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A view outside of the Salisbury Courthouse in 1931 where Matthew Williams, a black lumber worker, was lynched.

demnations of the lynching from Baltimore newspapers with threats of boycotting Baltimore businesses. Wicomico County residents denied participating in the lynching, instead blaming people from other counties or from Virginia.

The newspapers reported that Williams had murdered his employer, but several accounts of the incident claim that the victim's son James, rather than Williams, had murdered his father. One account suggests that Williams had saved up a large amount of money and had given it to Daniel Elliott for safekeeping. Elliott's son supposedly stole that money and when his father confronted him about it, he shot him. After all this time, the true culprit most likely will never be known.

"It is amazing to think about these events that occurred solely based on

racial prejudices and how they were considered to be a just punishment for the crime," said Ricky Felton, the vice president of the SU NAACP.

The excuse for the lynching reported by the local papers in the weeks following was the feeling of anger and frustration about the delay of a trial of another African-American criminal. Peggy Stewart, a history professor at Salisbury University, attributes the lynching as "being part of a chain of similar events and was almost a sign of the times due to the Great Depression and other factors."

No leader or members of the mob were identified. This conclusion was typical of practically all lynchings that occurred in the South and elsewhere in the United States.

Crime Beat

11/11/11 - 11/14/11
5 p.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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Student reported their secured bicycle stolen from the TETC southwest bike rack.

11/20/11

2:19 AM

ASSAULT (OFF-CAMPUS)

A student reported that he was assaulted while at an off campus party. The student was unsure of who hit him and he sustained a lacerated eye that required medical treatment. The investigation was turned over to Salisbury City Police.

12/02/11

10:30 - 10:45 p.m.

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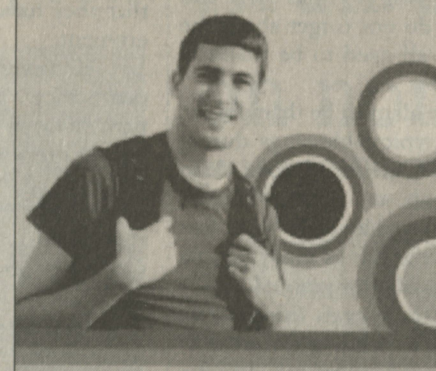
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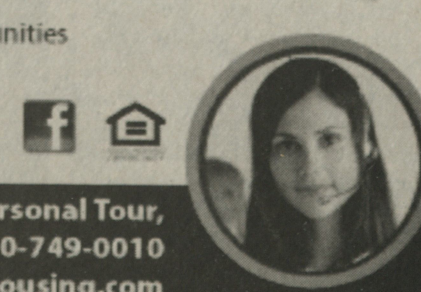
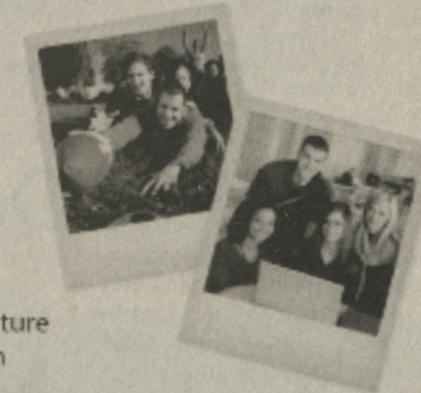
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Overheard: How do you feel about the religious 'chalk war'?

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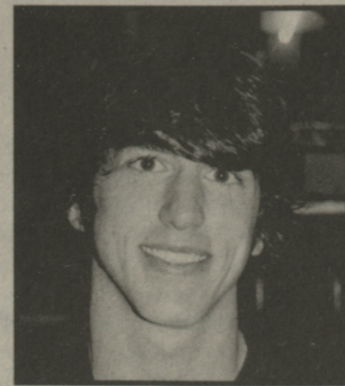
"I think it's just a bunch of immature competition."
- Cynthia Olsen, junior



"They should learn to get along. Peace and love all around."
- Sarah Chowdhury, sophomore



"I'm losing a lot of sleep over it. They should make love, not war."
- Mike Vessels, junior



"Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but I don't think CRU intended to offend."
- Tyler Yzaguirre, freshman



"I don't think anyone should be pushing their ideas to those who don't want it. Chalking just forces us to pay attention."
- Gina Sorce, junior

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Camden Avenue covered in college trash



BY PETE HICKS
Editorial Editor

Traveling up and down Camden Avenue is almost like walking through an art gallery.

The houses and yards that share a road with the campus are beautiful and are part of what makes Salisbury a nice

place to live. However, many of the students that walk up and down Camden are not sight-seeing. People traveling to and from their drunken destinations of choice often use the road because it is well-lit and easy to navigate.

Drunken people are not always the most appreciative of the aesthetic properties present in a house's architecture or the effort it takes to maintain gardens in a large yard. Drunken people are also not the most considerate when it comes to where they dispose their trash.

In just one walk down Camden Avenue on a Sunday morning, meaning after a Saturday night, a plethora of drinking refuse can be found littering the area. Beer cans stuck on fence-posts and glass shards from beer bottles along with untold amounts of plastic

cups and empty water bottles turn a picturesque roadway into an open display of the negatives of binge-drinking. Is it really that hard to hold the alcohol container until a trash can is available? When a few Salisbury University students decide to be lazy and litter, it gives all SU students a negative image to the community.

The citizens who live around college kids already have to put up with a lot of crap. Students make noise at all hours of the day and night, they usually don't take very good care of their houses' outward appearance and are probably not the safest people to try and raise children around.

SU students and the university already do so much to improve the tenuous relationship between the community and students, but it will never work if drunken students don't get their acts together.

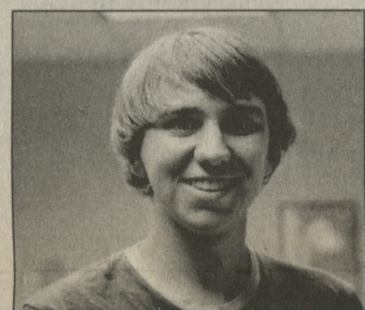
The people who live in Salisbury were here before most students came to the Eastern Shore and will still be here after said students have graduated and left. By disrespecting the property of Salisbury's citizens, students are actively disrespecting their neighbors.

It is not acceptable to leave cans, glass and cups in people's yards when at home, so it is baffling why some people think it's okay to do so when at school.

As the end of classes approaches and students drink more heavily in both celebration of completing the semester and to escape the pressure of finals, it is important to remember that the people who live around campus are trying to enjoy the holiday season.

Instead of giving out trash like Santa gives presents, try to finish out the semester with class by using a trash can.

Keep Counting your blessings after Thanksgiving



BY STEVEN CENNAME
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving 2011 has come and gone, but do not forget about the things we all need to be thankful for.

While we all must be thankful for the most typical blessings during grace (food, shelter, clothes, clean water, clean air, family, friends, health, pets and love), let's not forget about the things many people sometimes take for granted.

One of the biggest things to be thankful for is the opportunity to go to college and get a good education. Do not take your education for granted. There are millions of kids all over the world that would do anything to be in your shoes right now.

Some kids can only dream about going to school, but we are lucky enough to be living that dream and it is sad when there are a few people who do not seem to care about their education. You can call me nerdy if you wish, but it is sad to see students with every opportunity in the world drop out of college, not because they are not smart enough, but because they did not care.

Many of these students had every advantage in the world, but they blew it because they failed to

realize just how blessed they were to have the opportunity to be going to school. It is a competitive world out there, and taking full advantage of your education will lead to more things to be thankful for.

Also, be thankful to be in this country because even during this recession, we are still the land of the free. Be thankful for democracy because as the Arab Spring has shown us, many people will go to every extreme possible to have the right to vote and the feeling that they have a say in their government.

However, in our country's democracy, only about 50 to 60 percent of registered voters vote during presidential election years, and only about 25 to 30 percent vote in midterm elections.

In European countries, voter turnout is often in the 70, 80 and occasionally even the 90 percent range. Why is American voter turnout so underwhelming when there are other countries that have groups of people risk their lives and organize revolutions in order to have the right to vote?

It disappoints me when I see that people put so little value in voting. Be thankful to have the right to vote and embrace it. If you do not vote, then you have no right to complain about the mistakes of the government and elected officials.

So as fall ends and the Christmas season begins, let's all continue to be thankful for everything we have been blessed with. And as midterms quickly approach, let us all be thankful for our friends and family as they support us in a time of stress.

Hooking up: Intentional misunderstanding?



BY ABIGAIL COLBY
Party Girl Problems Columnist

The term 'hook up' has become one of the most commonly-used phrases in a modern college student's vocabulary and simultaneously one of the most widely-misunderstood phrases of our generation.

Context clues can usually help students decipher whether one is referring to getting lunch or getting it on.

However, many inferred meanings can be drawn from people loosely using the phrase that lacks a common, agreed-upon meaning of what hooking up actually involves or doesn't involve for that matter.

In fact, even the student body of Salisbury University can't seem to come to a general consensus on what hooking up does (or doesn't) involve.

"If you're hooking up, you're doing the deed," said junior Kyle Barry, whose confident declaration was similar to how many other male students answered the question, with responses ranging from "making whoopee" to "exclusively screwing."

Despite the eloquent nature of these responses, females students interviewed took a slightly more vague approach to translating the

mysterious phrase.

When asked about her interpretation of hooking up, junior Stacey Kindl said, "I would probably consider a hook up making out and a little more, not sex though," with other gals describing the term in a similar way.

So what gives? For girls, it seems the phrase is simply a polite way of declining an invitation to kiss and tell. As for males, one could assume that guys intentionally leave the term open-ended, possibly with the hope that perhaps one will infer that more happened than actually did.

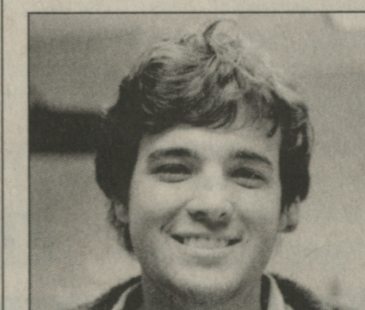
In recent years, it seems the phrase's vague and nondescript nature has even given way to a form of vague, nondescript relationships. As if the terms singular usage didn't stir up enough confusion, hooking up has now become a way to label a specific kind of relationship, one that is typically heavy on the alcohol and light on the commitment.

Somewhere in the gray between 'single' and 'it's complicated,' hooking up with someone typically denotes you are two technically single friends who enjoy sleeping in each other's beds during the weekend and whatever else that entails.

However, given that we have no clear-cut definition of hooking up itself, what is to be assumed about a relationship based on this concept? The unclear nature of this all too often used phrase seems to almost blindly reflect the complexity and impermanence that surrounds many relationships of our time.

And if SU students can't seem to commit to a specific definition for the term hooking up, it may be wise not to expect any other sort of commitment to come out of it either.

Don't drive while intoxicated | The Salisbury Police Department reports that DUIs are up 34 percent this year.



BY TYLER BUTLER
Staff Writer

According to an email I received from Student Government Association President Jessica DePietro, Chief Barbara Duncan from the Salisbury Police Department is reporting that DUIs are up 34 percent this year from last year.

That's kind of scary, considering most of us share the roads with

these idiots, for lack of a nicer word.

We could debate the hows and whys about the cause of this recent upswing in DUIs for ages. That would be fun.

Or we could just tackle the issue head on, but let's make it so a 3-year-old can understand it so that the morons driving drunk might actually grasp the heavy concepts at work here.

When you drink alcohol, the world gets all spinnny-like, right? Now when the world goes into spinnny time, you are in spinnny time too! Still following?

Now if you are in spinnny time, which the adults call being drunk, you can't drive. Do you know why? Because if you climb in your 6500-pound all-steel-bodied truck and try to drive, the truck is now in

spinnny time too!

That means you can't really stay on the road right, and it's not safe! You might hit Kathy who's trying to cross the street or 6-year-old Johnny on the sidewalk!

Since we seem to still be following, I will raise the intelligence level of the concepts even more. Many of you are thinking, "The guy who wrote this is an idiot. I drive better when I'm drunk! I'm way more relaxed and focused!"

If that is your thought process, you, sir or madam, are brain damaged. You aren't supposed to be relaxed when driving a car; you're supposed to be alert. You need to be paying attention.

And shocker here: alcohol reduces your reaction speeds! That way if little Johnny speeds into front of your car, you will proba-

bly hit him, when you may not have if you were sober.

So there's a police record, a lawsuit and your career flushed away. In case some of this has gone over your head, drinking and driving has NO perks and NO positive outcomes.

"But then how do I get home after the bar and whatnot?" Call Saferid! Believe it or not, they want to drive you home.

The number is 410-677-5000. Best of all, it's free. Program it in your phone. Just put down your keys and your ego, and make a decision that will save you citations, fines, records, possible lawsuits, possible jail time and maybe a life.

Hate to be harsh, but being friendly about it doesn't seem to be working.

Holiday 5k supports Kids of Honor



Kristina Miedzinski photo

Students take off from the starting line on Friday in Red Square during Salisbury's first Jingle Bell Run, a 5k race to raise money for Kids of Honor, an organization that supports Salisbury youth.

BY BRIANNA WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Salisbury University students and community members lined up on Friday afternoon in Christmas attire to run for charity.

Senior marketing students Sarah Cibelli, Erin Laffey and Calleigh Wooten joined together to organize the first Jingle Bell Run, a 5K walk or run to support Kids of Honor.

Founded in 2001 by advertisement and promotions professor Paula Morris, the organization empowers Salisbury youth to graduate and pursue their dreams. Morris was one of the girls' professors at SU and inspired them to create the event.

The incentive program is designed to encourage kids to succeed in school and in the future. According to its website, the organization's track record is impeccable. Each year the number of students who participate in the program an graduate from high school increases.

"We wanted to raise money for Kids of Honor and support Professor Morris," Cibelli said.

WXSU, the student run radio station and one of the sponsors of the race, was on hand providing musical entertainment, which included popular Christmas tunes.

Other sponsors were Red Bull, Specific Gravity Pizzeria and Bottle Shop, Giant, SOBO's Wine Beerstro

and Rise Up Coffee.

During the race, while enjoying a buffet of refreshments including hot chocolate, an assortment of cookies and fruit, and Red Bull before cheering on runners as they crossed the finish line.

Senior Trevor Keen was the first to cross the finish line. With a time of 19 minutes and 15 seconds, he was shortly followed up by sophomore Adene Bekele who clocked in at 20 minutes and 10 seconds. Rounding out the top three was junior Abigail Atch, who participated in the race with her roommate, finished with a time of 24 minutes and 12 seconds.

Keen, Bekele and Atch were rewarded with gift cards provided by

event sponsors.

"I wanted to help and have fun," Bekele said. "It's for a good cause."

A prize was also awarded to the participant who was most festively dressed. That award was given to Amanda Robles who completed the race wearing a Christmas stocking cape.

A total of 71 people, including volunteers, participated in the event. In addition to an UNO's fundraiser, \$355 was raised for the charity.

"We felt the race was a success," Cibelli said. "Next year we hope to raise more money by having runners fundraise in addition to their registration."

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Nursing scholarship winner inspired by son



Submitted photo

Kevin Harrison poses with his 13-month-old son, Jett. Jett's illness at a young age has inspired Harrison in his career path: nursing.

BY KRISTINA JACKEREAS
Staff Writer

It is easy to just give up once the curve balls of life have subsided, but that wasn't the case for SU nursing student Kevin Harrison.

Harrison was one of eight students to win the \$10,000 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing Scholarship. The scholarship was developed to increase the diversity of the Nursing Profession.

Raised in Delaware, Harrison had been teaching Spanish for six years after earning his first degree from Brigham Young University in Utah.

However, nursing had become one of his passions. His passion only increased when his 1-year-old son Jett was diagnosed with Hirschsprung's disease shortly after birth.

"I was so impressed with the medical staff, especially the nurses, that took care of our newborn son and I know that they played a critical role in his survival," Harrison said. "Witnessing their role and the difference they made confirmed to me that my

decision to pursue a career in nursing was the correct one."

Hirschsprung's is a disease that affects one out of every 5,000 children, Harrison said. The condition develops when the nerves have not developed all the way down to the colon. This life-threatening illness involves surgically removing the non-functional portion of the colon.

"Nursing directly influences the health of the patient," Harrison said. "I believe it to be a noble profession, which really is a compilation of many roles (educator, healthcare provider, server, etc.) Nursing is about making differences and in some cases, giving second chances."

Department of Nursing Chair and Professor Dr. Lisa Seldomridge was very impressed with not just Harrison's work ethic, but his essay called "I Believe This About Nursing."

Which was the winning Oct. 2011 entry for the scholarship.

"Though I have known Kevin for only a few months, having first met him in August 2011, I was immediately impressed with his enthusiasm

for his career change and his dedication to his family," Seldomridge said. "He is a 200 percent in everything he does and his accomplishments are significant."

Seldomridge said the scholarship was awarded to nursing students in accelerated 2nd BS degree programs. Harrison plans to put his money from the scholarship to good use. He is extremely thankful to have won.

"The scholarship funds will be used to pay for a significant percentage of my SU costs," Harrison said. "The money really is a blessing to my family, as we have three young children and my wife is a stay-at-home-mother by choice."

Winning the scholarship has also increased Harrison's appreciation for what he has been given. Jett has been thriving since his surgery.

"(He) is doing well. He does not have any residual problems associated with the Hirschsprung's Disease nor the surgery he had at 10 days old to correct it," Harrison said. "He smiles more than any other kid I know and is a great source of joy in my life."

Arun Gandhi talks on non-violence

BY KRISTINA JACKEREAS
Staff Writer

A man told his grandson that each person has two wolves inside of him that are constantly at war.

One wolf represents anger, aggression and resentment. The other represents peace, kindness and joy. When the grandson asked which wolf wins, the grandfather replied, "whichever one you feed."

Arun Gandhi learned prominent lessons, such as "The Tale of Two Wolves," from his late influential grandfather, Mohandas Gandhi. On Wednesday, Gandhi gave a talk about "Non-Violence and Personal Responsibility," and shared his grandfather's philosophy.

Students and faculty members alike seemed to enjoy hosting Gandhi. Salisbury University President Janet Dudley-Eshbach said she is inspired by the message of peace.

"Dr. Arun Gandhi's work is extremely important in promoting the belief that solutions to our world's problems can be found through non-violent means," Dudley-Eshbach said.

Gandhi spoke freely about a wide variety of topics, from helping the poor to creating a culture of non-violence. He also said that in order to have peace, one must be willing to sacrifice and suffer.

"We must be willing to stand for what we believe in," Gandhi said. "A culture of non-violence is about acting positively. We must learn to understand the difficulties in countries around us. We can't begin to focus on our own safety and security if the rest of the world is going down the drain."

Gandhi also answered a range of questions from the audience. One of them prompted him to speak about the Occupy Wall Street movement.

"I'm surprised that more haven't joined the Wall Street movement," Gandhi said. "What bothers me is that they have made it clear what they are against but not what they stand for."

Inner peace seemed to be a common theme for Gandhi, especially when commenting on how SU students can practice non-violent forms of behavior.

"Students must find morality within themselves," Gandhi said. "Each student can make a difference once they realize their potential."

The lecture was part of the Center for Conflict Resolution's "One Person Can Make a Difference" series.

Junior conflict analysis and dispute resolution major Mike Toll had seen Gandhi before. He has lectured in his class taught by professor Brian Polkinghorne at least three times.

"It's interesting to get advice from someone so close to Mohandas Gandhi," Toll said. "He preaches his own thoughts and isn't as extreme as his grandfather. However, I feel like non-violence is impractical in the world today; it just isn't realistic, but Gandhi's lecture was great nonetheless."

Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mohandas Gandhi, delivers a speech on Wednesday as part of the Center for Conflict Resolution "One Person Can Make a Difference" series.

Students travel during winter break

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN
Gull Life Editor

After the rush of exams has finally subsided, students are left with a full month before the start of the spring semester.

Rather than stay at home, many Salisbury University students have chosen to travel abroad.

Amanda Stone, a sophomore with a double major in conflict and dispute and resolution and environmental science, will be studying in India with the "Gandhi Legacy Tour" through SU.

The group of 18 students will make their way from Mumbai to New Delhi. The program is co-taught by Arun Gandhi and SU professor Brian Polkinghorn.

Stone has never been out of the country before, and is excited for the experience.

"I want to learn more about the world," Stone said. "And I feel the best way to learn this is through experience."

Other students are traveling independently from the university. Sophomore Natasha Shangold and junior Evan Sturman are traveling to Israel through Birthright International, an organization that grants young Jewish adults the opportunity to spend ten days in Israel.

Shangold said she first learned about Birthright during her Bat Mitzvah in high school.

"I guess it has just always been in the back of my mind," she said. Shangold and Sturman will be visiting the major attractions of Israel, which Shangold said are popular for both tourist and spiritual reasons.

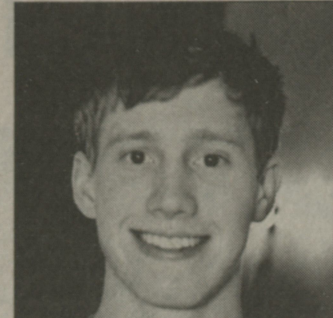
Senior physics major Jordan Krock is also visiting Israel with his father, a pilot who regularly travels around the world.

Krock plans to visit many biblical sites that were important in the life of Jesus Christ. He plans to see Jesus' birthplace, site of baptism and place of death. Krock said Israel is most excited to see Harod's Masada Palace.

Travel is nothing new to Krock, who has been to Italy, France, Iceland, Canada and the Caribbean. He believes that visiting other countries helps him to understand them better.

"You can only pick up so much from a book," Krock said. "Actually going somewhere is worth an infinite amount of books."

Junior wins \$30 grand by making commercials



Submitted photo of Max Millhausen.

BY BRIANNA WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Salisbury University junior Max Millhausen has earned a total of \$30,000 while honing his skills as a new media student in his dorm room in Chesapeake Hall.

Millhausen creates commercials

and other promotional items by entering several advertisement contests.

As a sophomore, he won \$7,500 in a contest for the Acuvue Oasys Brand contact lens company. Millhausen produced, edited and starred in the 30-second commercial.

"I had to attach the camera to my bedpost and then secure it to the wall so it wouldn't move when I got up," Millhausen said. "It took me about 20 hours to finish. Sometimes the simplest ones take the longest."

Millhausen used his laptop and camera to complete his first ad. Now he uses upgraded equipment, including a new computer, which he purchased using half his winnings.

He went on to win two other contests which earned him about \$10,000 each. The videos included a 90-second commercial for IHS, a cost analysis advisor, and a 30-second

commercial for Poptent Media, a company that partners with advertisers to host many of these competitions.

In addition to video work, Max dabbles in web design. He created the website for Run For Your Lives, an event hosted by Reed Street Productions. The work earned him another \$3,000.

Recently, Millhausen entered a contest to create a commercial for Yellow Pages that he lost, making his standing three for four, but he said he isn't discouraged.

Millhausen said the experience he has gained from his work has been invaluable. He advised students to expand their knowledge outside the classroom.

"Find extra work," Millhausen said. "You learn stuff in school, but try to teach yourself."

Millhausen's videos can be viewed at <http://vimeo.com/user4613975>

Health Report

December is Drunk and Drugged Awareness Month

BY SARAH WOODS
Health Columnist

Drunk driving cost the state of Maryland \$858 million and 162 lives last year, according to statistics compiled by Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

In an effort to curb the impact of drunk driving in the country, December has been declared Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Month. Many people criticize MADD for the organization's battle against drunk driving, claiming that harsh punishments for "making an honest mistake" are ruining lives. However, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said that MADD has saved an estimated 27,000 lives through the implementation of public health laws related to drinking.

On July 1, Jan Withers of Maryland became MADD's national president. A drunk driver killed her daughter, Alisa Joy, in 1992. Since then, Withers has dedicated herself to MADD's mission of protecting everyone on the road from the dangers of drunk driving.

"It isn't innocent, and it's not a mistake; it is a criminal act," Withers said in a blog post. "Nevermind that they are responsible for their own consequences by committing this crime. And, nevermind that more often it devastates the lives of the people they victimize. That is why it is illegal. That is why it is not just a mistake."

The good news is that college students seem to be slowly getting the message that if they decide to drink, they absolutely must not drive. The American College Health Association National College Health Assessment of fall 2010 showed that 72.5 percent of responders had received information from their college or university about drug and alcohol use.

College students across the nation are participating in alcohol awareness programs, which are designed to help them understand how much alcohol is in drinks, how to stay safe at parties and how to avoid driving drunk or riding with a drunk driver.

There is a support group on Salisbury University's campus for students struggling with alcohol use every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. and Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the Wellness Center. For more information about the group, call Student Health Services at 410-543-6262.

LAST Round with Diana and Justin

BY DIANA DWYER
and JUSTIN ODENDHAL
News Editor and Photo Editor

The roads are slow and the beer flows fresh at the Delmar, Del-based Evolution Craft Brewing Co., known affectionately as EVO.

Regulars pop into the small, wooden barrel-laden bar to refill their growlers on a regular basis while EVO virgins can find their new favorite at a tasting. The EVO brewery and the tastings bar are only separated by a glass wall, so you can peer in the brewery while perched at the bar.

The tasting tour is a deal even if you've tried all of the "Mainline" beers available year-round because it includes five 6.5 oz tasting glasses of beer, adding up to over two pints for only \$5. The Mainline beers include Primal Pale Ale, Exile ESB, Lucky 7 Porter, Lot No. 3 India Pale Ale and Rise Up

Stout.

Growlers cut beer fund costs after an initial purchase of the glass container for \$5. Mainline refills cost \$7 and seasonal brews cost \$8. The current seasonal is Secret Spot Winter. Growlers hold 64 oz, which equals four pints.

A growler refill costs only slightly more than a pint at a typical bar and tastes much fresher than bottles stocked on shelves. Sealed growlers have a fridge shelf life of nearly a month, but once they're opened, they'll go flat after two or three days.

Those unwilling to trek up to Delmar need only wait until February for EVO to move to the former Reddy Ice building on Eastern Shore Drive in Salisbury. However, it's worth the ride if your palate is sick of Keystone tendencies.

Best Brews

Diana's top pick:
Exile ESB

Justin's top pick:
Rise Up Stout

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| Wednesday, Dec. 8 •Concert Jazz Brazz Big Band 7:30 p.m. Holloway Hall Auditorium •The Ins and Outs of Internships 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Pocomoke Room | Saturday, Dec. 11 •SGA Midnight Breakfasts begin 11:00 p.m. - 2 a.m. Red Square through Dec 16. Library Final Exam Hours Begin (through Dec 15, Blackwell Library will be open until 2 a.m.) |
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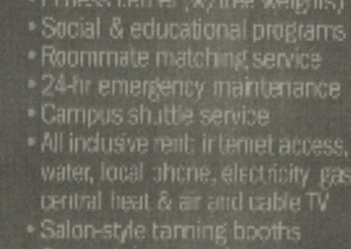


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Sea Gulls spring for success



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BY ALEXANDRIA YOUNG
Staff Writer

Fall sports won big in the 2011 season with volleyball and the women's soccer team receiving CAC titles and the football team advancing to the NCAA Quarterfinals. There is much to look forward to in the spring semester for the Salisbury University sports community.

The men's lacrosse team kicks off their season on Feb. 12 versus Greensboro. In the past, the men's lacrosse team has won nine NCAA Division III Tournament National Championships, including a title in their 2011 season and have cap-

tured 16 CAC titles. They ended their last season with a 21-1 record.

"We look forward to all our games we play against the top teams in the country," said Head Coach Jim Berkman. "If the 2012 team reaches its potential and we stay healthy, we like our chances against anyone."

The women's lacrosse team, also with an outstanding 19-3 record in their 2011 season, will head into their first game in February.

The SU baseball team has had very successful past winning seasons including making a World Series appearance in 2011. The Gulls will compete in their opening

game on Feb. 15, as they take on Virginia Wesleyan at 2:30 p.m.

The men's and women's tennis teams will also start their 2012 season in February. After making it to the CAC Championships in 2011, the tennis teams are looking to have a promising upcoming season and capture the CAC title.

The women's and men's track and field teams will participate in their first indoor meet on Dec. 4 in Newport News, Va., at the Christopher Newport University Holiday Open. Their first outdoor meet will be on March 3 at the Lloyd Singler spring meet.

Our women's softball team will begin their season on Feb. 24 in Fayetteville, N.C. Many Sea Gulls have received awards from the 2011 season, such as junior Erika Brittingham, who was named the South All-Star Pitcher of the Year, and first baseman Harley Hill capturing Rookie of the Year honors.

Led by Head Coach Margie Knight, who was named the region's coach of the year, the Gulls look forward to having another successful season.

The women's basketball team (3-3) won their last game against Southern Virginia in the Optimist Classic. Led by seniors Megan Dunn and Milan Dry, the Gulls will take on Marymount University in their game on Tuesday.

The men's basketball team (4-2) will compete in 10 games over the holiday break. They have made their best start since 2006, opening the season with four straight wins. Currently ranked No. 20 on D3Hoops.com, the team heads into the rest of their season with big play makers like senior forward Mike Atkins, who is averaging 13.2 points per game, and senior guard Devin Posey, who leads the team with 23 assists.

Big things are happening for the Sea Gulls in the sports world that you will not want to miss. Stay updated with game schedules and scores of the Gulls' upcoming seasons at www.suseagulls.com.

Men's basketball starts strong

BY JOSH BOND
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University men's basketball team (5-2, 0-1 conf) has to be pleased with their performance so far this season.

The Sea Gulls began the season by winning the Pride of Maryland Tournament. SU defeated opponents Stevenson, Frostburg and Johns Hopkins all by at least 10 points, winning the tournament for the first time in seven years.

"I attribute our success to our tough pre-season and competitive practices," said senior guard Devin Posey, who was named the most valuable player of the tournament. "We want to be great, (we) are willing to work hard, and (we) expect to win."

Following the tournament victory,

SU recorded what may be its best regular season win in the program's history by defeating No. 1-ranked Virginia Wesleyan 68-65. The following week, SU was rewarded with the No. 20 ranking in all of Division III.

"The win was a great experience," said first-year Head Coach Josh Merkel. "Our guys know they can play with anyone in the country."

However, the Sea Gull's four game winning streak came to an end as they suffered back-to-back losses against Hood College and John Jay College of Criminal Justice. It appeared as though the Sea Gulls had lost their winning edge.

To get back on track, SU played a must-win game against Penn State-Abington. Ultimately, the Sea Gulls prevailed as they narrowly won 80-77.

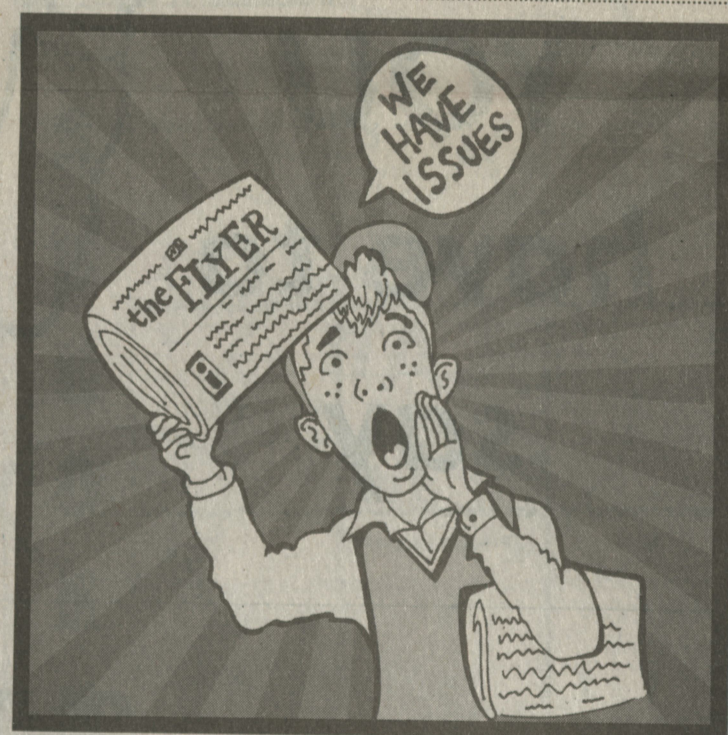
The team's captains, senior forwards Mike Atkins and Mike Maczko, have led the way for SU's stellar start. For the season, Atkins leads the team in average points per game with 14.1 points, and Maczko is second with 12.7 points per game.

SU has also received enthusiastic support from their hometown crowds, who have been visibly pleased with the team's success.

"I enjoy going to the basketball games because each game is exciting," said freshman Ryan Fluhr.

"It's fun to cheer for a winning team."

Next game:
Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. at
Marymount University



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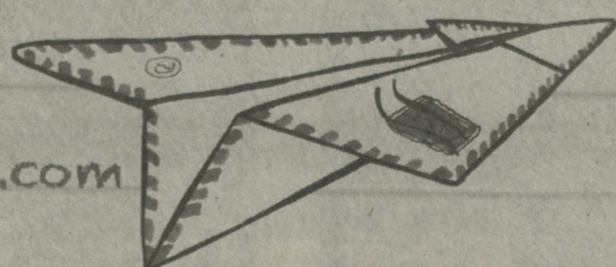
FOOTBALL (11-2) (7-0 Conf) - One of SU football's most exciting seasons in history ended on Saturday as the Gulls lost to undefeated University of Wisconsin-Whitewater 34-14. The Sea Gulls made it to the NCAA quarterfinals, their farthest point reached in 25 years. They also went undefeated in conference play and won the Empire 8 title in their first year playing in the conference.

SWIMMING - On Friday, the men and women had their hands full as they went head to head with two schools, first losing to York College but then bouncing back to defeat Goucher College. The Sea Gulls' next meet will be against Hood College on Jan. 7 at 1 p.m. in Maggs Gymnasium.

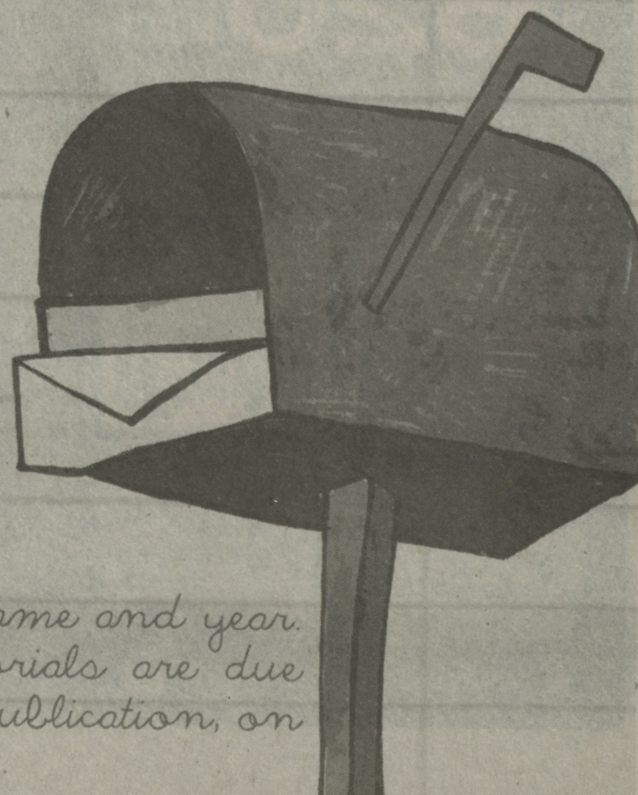
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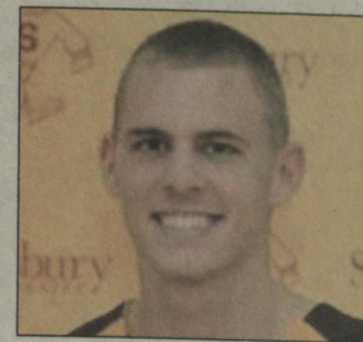
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Athlete Spotlight



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Mike Atkins

BY STEPHEN BERSTLER JR.
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Senior forward Mike Atkins has led the Sea Gulls to a 5-2 record, including a 68-65 win against pre-season No. 1 Virginia Wesleyan last Tuesday. The Broadneck, Md., native is averaging a team-high of 12.8 points per game, including 15 in the victory over Virginia Wesleyan. The Flyer sat down with Mike and asked him a few questions.

What was the atmosphere like during the Virginia Wesleyan game?
"It was awesome. The whole football team was there, and I really think they helped us win that game."

Describe playing for first-year Head Coach Merkel.
"I really like how he encourages us. He knows how well we can play and always pushes us to play at a high level."

What are your team goals for this season?
"We are looking to win a CAC Championship."

What do you think the team's biggest strength is?
"Our chemistry. We are a very unselfish team."

Party of four, who do you want to sit with?
"Obviously Michael Jordan, my brother and dad for their influence and support, and Megan Fox because she is a gorgeous actress."

What are your thoughts about the NBA lockout being lifted?

"I'm excited. I was almost pulling my hair out. I thought we were going to be on TV. I cannot wait for the season to start on Christmas."

Women's basketball hunts for title

BY PATRICK DRENGWITZ
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team has had a bit of trouble staying consistent in the early stages of the season, going back and forth between wins and losses for their first six match-ups.

This is not to say, however, that there aren't stars on the rise amongst the female ballers, stars who have considerable skill that their record sometimes undermines. First year Head Coach Kelly Lewandowski has all the pieces necessary, armed with players who can cover all aspects of the game.

Junior forward Whitney Kolakowski has been a defensive gem,

leading the team in blocks with 12 on the season and accounting for half of the entire team's blocks total. Junior forward Katie McGahagan has been a scoring threat for opponents since putting up 12 points in the season opener and scoring in every game since. She also posted a season-high 22 points in their most recent game against Southern Virginia University, where the Sea Gulls won by three.

Breakout freshman star Anna Hackett has been a sensation for the team, leading in points, points per game, field goals and field goal percentage. Anna also has the distinction of being the only Sea Gull to total over 200 minutes of playing time.

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Number of seasons Head Coach Kelly Lewandowski has coached the women.

The number of wins and losses the team has picked up so far.

Number of players on the Sea Gull squad.

Average number of points scored per game by the Sea Gulls.

Scoring leader Anna Hackett's total number of points.

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